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FOR USDEL TO HRC

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UNHRC, SHUM

SUBJECT: 34TH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: ITEM 13, HUMAN
RIGHTS AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

REF: GENEVA 02317

1. DELEGATION IS TAKING EXACTLY RIGHT POSITION IN
RESISTING SOVIET ATTEMPT TO PRESS DEBATE ON SCIENCE AND
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2. FOR DELEGATION'S CONTINGENCY USE IN RESPONDING TO
QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT, FOLLOWING ARE POINTS UPON
WHICH YOU MAY DRAW:

-- ER WEAPONS ARE DEFENSIVE IN NATURE AND WERE DEVELOPED IN RESPONSE TO A SOVIET BUILD-UP OF ARMORED FORCES IN EUROPE; SOME OF THE ADVANCED NEW WEAPONS INTRODUCED BY THE SOVIETS, SUCH AS THE SS-20, ARE FAR MORE DESTRUCTIVE THAN ER WEAPONS.

-- ER WEAPONS ARE NO MORE INHUMANE THAN OTHER WEAPONS OF WAR AND ARE LESS DESTRUCTIVE THAN OTHER NUCLEAR WEAPONS

ALREADY POSSESSED BY BOTH SIDES; ER WEAPONS ARE DESIGNED TO CAUSE LESS DAMAGE TO CIVILIAN AND NON-MILITARY TARGETS THAN EXISTING WEAPONS.

-- THERE IS NO BASIS TO THE CHARGE THAT ER WEAPONS WOULD LOWER THE NUCLEAR THRESHOLD OR INCREASE THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR THRESHOLD OR INCREASE THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR WAR; THE U.S. MAINTAINS FULL CONTROL OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY POLITICAL AUTHORITY.

-- AS THE PRESIDENT SAID IN HIS WARSAW PRESS CONFERENCE, IT IS OUR HOPE THAT WE CAN REDUCE THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR DESTRUCTION IN THE EUROPEAN AREA BY NEGOTIATING ARMS CONTROL RESTRAINTS ON THEATER NUCLEAR WEAPONS INCLUDING NOT JUST ENHANCED RADIATION WARHEADS BUT OTHERS SUCH AS THE SOVIET SS-20 WHICH ARE FAR MORE DESTRUCTIVE AND THREATENING WEAPONS.

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3. WE ARE ALSO REPEATING TO YOU FOR BACKGROUND AND CONTINGENCY USE STATEMENT DELIVERED BY USDEL TO THE CSCE ON ER WEAPONS ON FEBRUARY 3.

4. PLEASE PROVIDE DEPARTMENT BY IMMEDIATE CABLE TEXT OF ANY SOVIET RESOLUTION OR ER WEAPONS AND INFORMATION ON ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT. VANCE

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